GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3034
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ACTIVITIES OF DAWOOD
VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the report regarding pumping of money by Dawood into Gujarat to heighten communal tensions appearing in the Hindustan Times dated December 20, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made any investigation in the matter;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether any arrest has been made;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to check such activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) to (f): Yes, Sir. There have been earlier reports about the plans of the underworld groups, including Dawood Ibrahim and his associates, operating from their foreign bases, to carry out retaliatory violence in the context of the communal situation in Gujarat. These elements were reported to have mobilised funds abroad for dispatch to destinations in India and planned to smuggle in terrorist hardware and cause explosions to achieve their objectives.

The investigating agencies are keeping a close watch over the activities of suspected elements/institutions. The State Government of Gujarat has informed that no arrests have been made so far in this regard.

The Union Governmenthave been sharing intelligence and issuing advisories from time to time with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to take adequate precautions for the maintenance of peace and communal harmony in their areas. The activities of the individuals/organizations having a bearing on the communal situation in the country are under constant watch of the law enforcing agencies and appropriate measures, including action under relevant laws, are taken wherever necessary.